

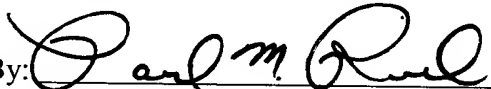
REMARKS

Claims 11-19 remain pending. By the foregoing amendment, claims 1 and 3-10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants note with appreciation that claims 11-19 have been allowed.

Claims 1 and 3-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada et al., JP 09111692 ("Yamada"). By the foregoing amendment these claims have been canceled, and thus this rejection is now moot. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

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